

The Voluntary Treatment Option (VTO) Program is Open for Business!

The Delaware Board of Nursing is pleased to announce its participation in the VTO Program, a professional assistance program. The program will provide chemically dependent and addicted licensees with the help they need while protecting the public safety.

HISTORY In 1990, The Board of Nursing endorsed the concept of an alternative program in lieu of disciplinary action for chemically de-

pendent licensees. The legislation authorizing the program was passed by the Delaware General Assembly in 1998. Twenty-five Boards within the Division of Professional Regulation then adopted the necessary rules and regulations to offer the Voluntary Treatment Option to their licensees. The road from endorsement to implementation has been a long one with starts and stops, but the journey is now

accomplished.

PROCESS Licensees may enter the VTO Program through self-referral or by a third party written referral. *It is important to note that licensees are eligible for the VTO program if they have not committed any offenses, other than the status of being chemically dependent or impaired*, that would be grounds for discipline under applicable laws

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2003 Board Meeting & Hearing Calendar

Board Meetings

January 8, 2003	No August Meeting	February 19, 2003
February 12, 2003	September 10, 2003	April 16 & 30, 2003
March 12, 2003	October 8, 2003	May 21, 2003
April 9, 2003	November 19, 2003	June 18, 2003
May 14, 2003	No December Meeting	July 16 & 30, 2003
June 11, 2003	<u>Hearings</u>	September 17, 2003
July 23, 2003	January 15 & 29, 2003	October 15 & 29, 2003
		November 12, 2003



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• *Office Hours*
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 Monday—Friday

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governing the regulated profession.

The licensee must complete an application. Once a licensee's eligibility has been determined by the division and the board representatives, the licensee is required to have a drug and alcohol assessment within a minimum of 30 days of notification to the division.

Substance abuse assessments will be provided by approved providers who also have been identified by the division, utilizing the Addiction Severity Index. Assessment results and the

recommended level of care, as determined by the American Society of Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria, will be reported to the division within 24 hours. Urine testing must be done by an approved forensic testing lab that uses National Institute Drug Abuse (NIDA) cut off levels.

Upon completion of the licensee's assessment, the designated division and board representatives will review the information. The licensee will access treatment at the appropriate level of care with a provider who is

different from the provider who completed the assessment. Prior to the completion of treatment, providers will be expected to work with the division and board representatives to develop post treatment plans. The licensee is responsible for all costs associated with assessment and treatment.

The graphics on the following pages show the program process from referral to completion.

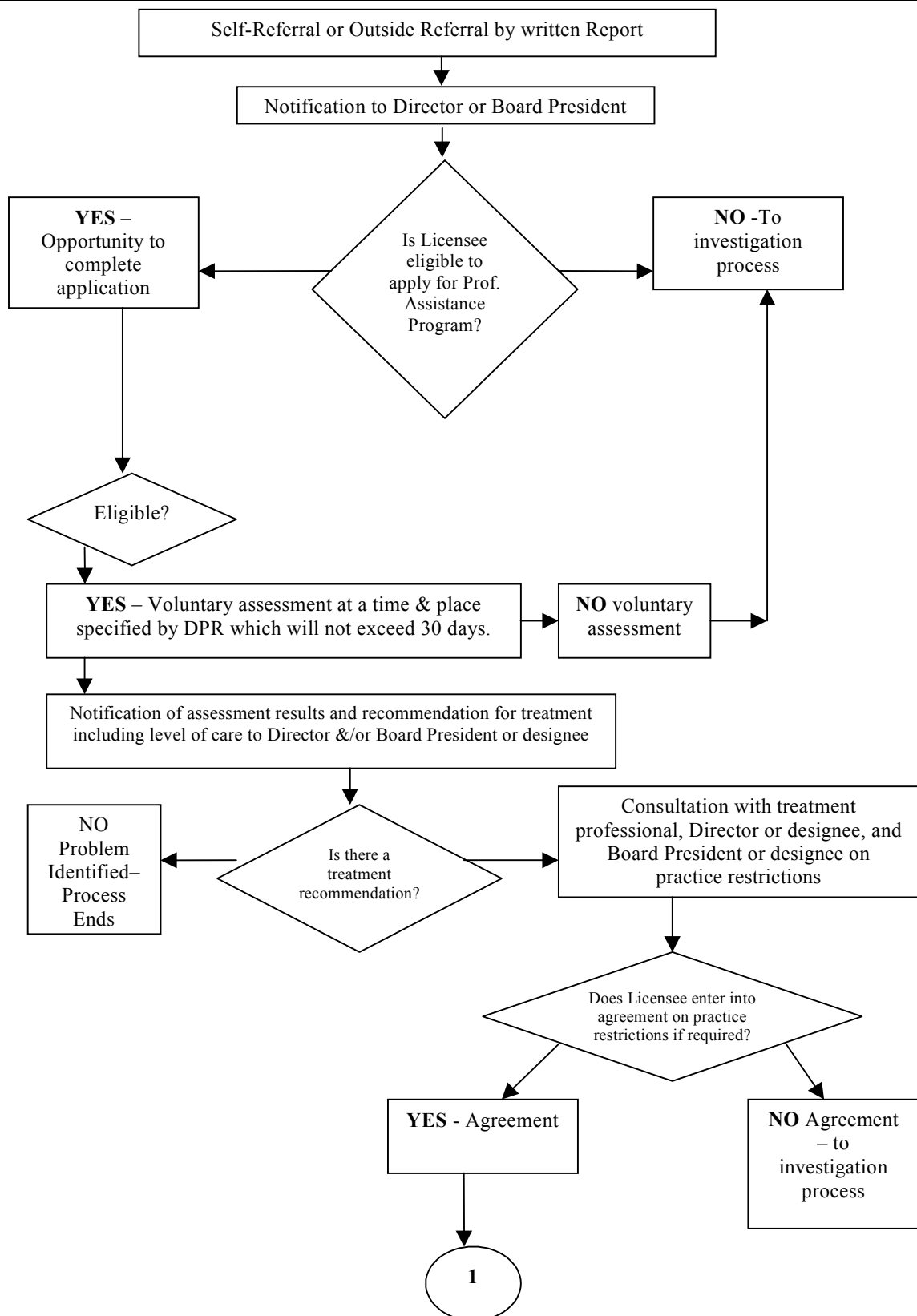


Seeking Expert Witnesses!!!!

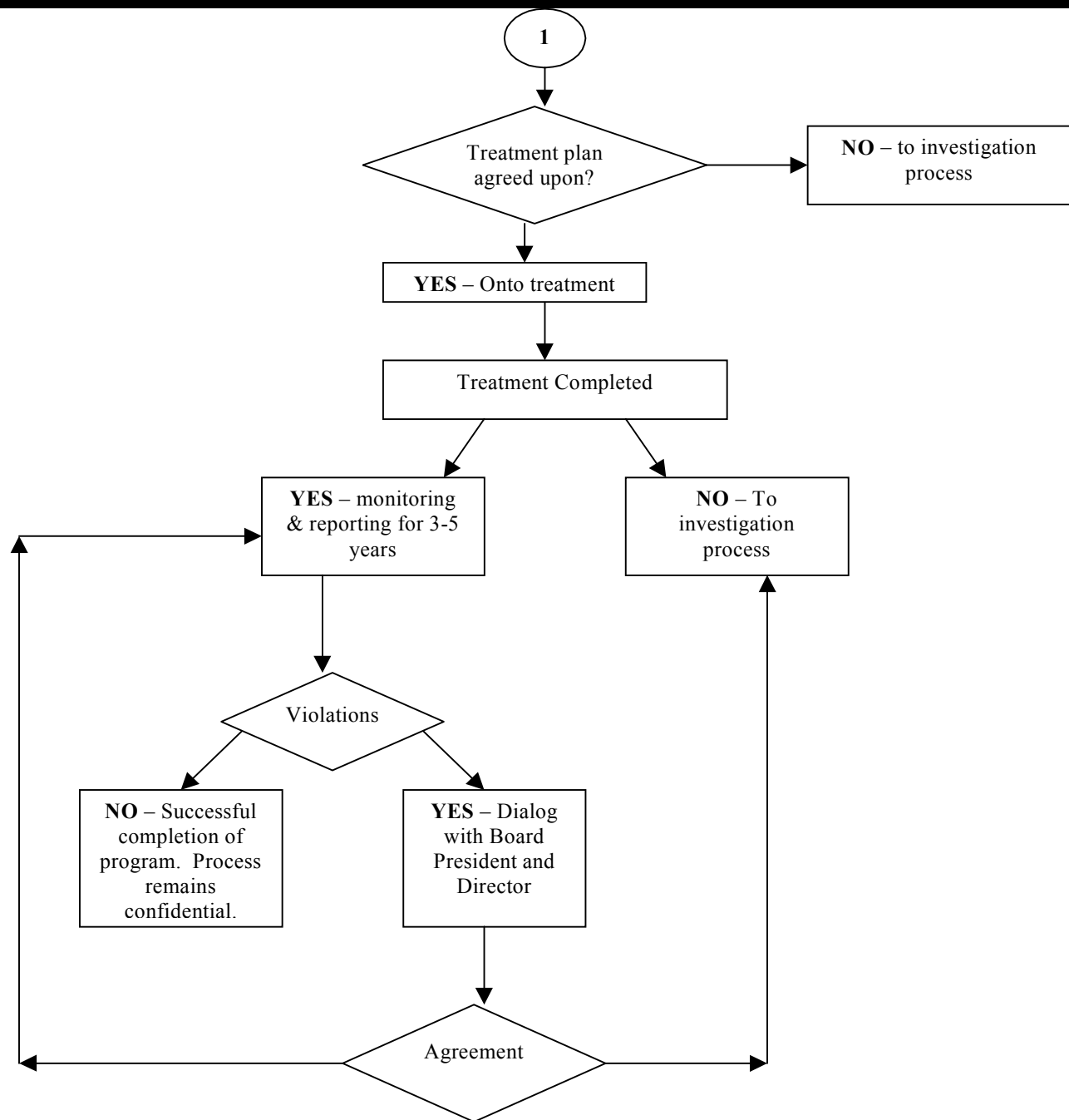
The Board of Nursing invites you to submit your resume for participation in the expert witness pool that is being developed. The pool will be available to the Office of the Attorney General when deputies are seeking expert witnesses to establish standards of nursing practice when preparing prosecutions.

Please send your resume with a cover letter of intent to the Board Office. Thank you in advance for your consideration and potential participation.

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Board Briefs

Marlene Samuel, public member, has rendered her resignation due to increased employment responsibilities. The Board thanks Ms. Samuel for her service to the citizens of Delaware.

Debbie Maichle, RN member, was elected president and Janet West, RN member, vice president, at the Board's annual officer election in June.

Committee Reports

Advanced Practice Nurse Issues—Lucille Gambardella, Chair

The Board has released the white paper that addresses psychotherapy by APN's via the telephone and the Internet. While the Board determined to collect additional data before making recommendation, the Board believes that the white paper summarizes significant considerations for APN's when evaluating psychotherapy via the telephone and the Internet.

Assistance with Self-Administration of Medications (AWSAM) - Janet West, Chair

The Committee continues to review whether or how the current course needs to be tailored to best prepare designated care providers to engage in AWSAM in the various authorized settings. Members have revised the test which will be released for use beginning January, 2003.

Continuing Education Advisory Committee — Janet West, Chair

There have been no issues assigned by the Board.

Joint Practice Committee—Judy Hendricks, Chair

The Committee reviewed whether program accreditation organizations can be used to verify inclusion within educational programs of the required courses of advanced pharmacology, advanced health assessment, advanced pathophysiology and diagnosis and management within the clinical specialty. Members concluded that such recognition not be endorsed. Primary source verification of the required courses will continue.

Legislative Committee—Til Purnell, Chair

The Committee was successful in getting Senate Bill 356 enacted. This legislation revised the definition of "dispensing" and established authority for elements of dispensing by LPN's.

Nursing Practice Committee—Jan Monihan—Chair

There have been no issues assigned by the Board.

Rules and Regulations Committee—Debbie Maichle, Chair

There have been no issues assigned by the Board.

WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

APN NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT - The Board will be reviewing the language approved by boards of nursing at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., in August 2002. Each board of nursing that has implemented the Nurse Licensure Compact for LPN's and RN's is eligible to pursue legislation that authorizes the APN Nurse Licensure Compact.

Revisions to Rules and Regulation to define Elements of Dispensing by LPN's—The Board will be finalizing the revisions needed to define the elements of dispensing by LPN's as authorized by Senate Bill 356.



If your name appears below or you are the employer of an individual listed, please call the Board office at (302) 744-4516 to discuss licensure / verification status.

Afeworki, Dawit		Gallagher, Debbie	L1-19363	Streich, Judeth	L1-29195
Baker, Doreen	L1-18670	Graves, Michael	CRNA	Sykes, Doris	L2-3934
Berl, Kimberly	L1-28329	Gray, Judy		Wade, Tammy	L2-7616
Brewer, Kathleen	L1-12682	Harper, Andrea	L2-2466	Wilcox, Charlene	L2-7069
Cook, Patricia	L2-7356	Harris, Constance	L2-5889		
Cunningham, Susan	L1-22813	Jones, Cathy	L2-3810		
Curtin, Kristin	L2-5988	Kelly, Karen	L1-24755		
Dallas, Melissa	L1-24255	Long, Lynda			
Daniel, Erika	L1-28737	MacDonald, Diane	L1-28291		
Denham, Frances	L2-5425	Morris, Terri	L2-3241		
Dimino, Ryan		Pagano, Sandra	L2-3913		
Dielissen, Cheryl	L1-26554	Peacock, Judy	L2-3448		
Egolf, Donna	L2-4626	Powell, Barbara	L1-28975		
Elliott, Ronnette	L2-7516	Powell, Steven	L1-15669		
		Rodgers, Janet	L1-17544		
		Saienni, Michelle	L1-27045		
		Schafer, Joan	L1-15907		
		Slavik, Theresa	L1-21867		
		Smith, Kathy W.	L2-3165		
		Sowell, Willie	L2-8095		
		Stevenson, Sylvia	L1-22728		

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The following is provided as a summary of disciplinary actions taken by the Delaware Board of Nursing. This list includes all licensees currently on disciplinary status. In most cases, termination of probation or suspension of licensure occurs through Board action and is not date driven. At the conclusion of the stated term of discipline, the suspended licensee applies for reinstatement of licensure and the probated licensee applies for licensure without probation. Please note that this list is updated monthly and will be mailed upon request.

<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
L2-4984	Alexander, Anita	Probation for 2 years beginning 4/8/98
L2-5830	Alexander, Terry (formerly Sheppard)	Suspension for 2 years beginning 4/9/97
LI-20220	Ayoub, Rebecca	Probation for 3 years beginning 2/19/2000
LI-22556	Barkes, Christopher	Revocation
L2-5631	Blackwell, Barbara	Probation for 3 years beginning 2/9/94
L2-7342	Boland, Cathy	Probation for 2 years beginning 6/16/99
L2-5789	Brown, Juanita	Probation for 1 year beginning 9/10/97
Not Licensed	Carter, Alice	Denial of licensure
L2-2503	Comegys, Rose	Suspension for 2 years beginning 7/15/98, stayed after 3 months, Probation for 21 months beginning 10/10/98
L2-5941	Cooper, L. Diane	Probation for 1 year beginning 1/15/97
L2-3477	Cummings, Nelda	Indefinite suspension beginning 11/14/92
LI-17457	Dallas, Altoria	Indefinite suspension beginning 8/4/92
LI-20262	Davis, Jonathan	Indefinite suspension beginning 5/20/96
LI-7698	Devito, Edna	Letter of reprimand
LI-15859	Donovan, Linda	Probation for 2 years beginning 9/96
L2-2007	Dunn, Ernestine	Revocation
LI-22777	Ellis, Edward	Probation for 1 year beginning 6/96
LI-12405	Feathers, Amalie	Denial of reinstatement with eligibility after 3/12/98
LI-20993	Fischer, Tamera	Probation for 2 years beginning 2/12/97
L2-5087	Foss, Catherine	Indefinite suspension beginning 7/9/97
LI-22335	Garibaldi, Melanie	Probation for 18 months beginning 3/11/98
L2-1943	Godwin, Ann	Indefinite suspension beginning 6/9/93
LI-28173	Gomez, Gumersindo	Probation for 3 years beginning 7/14/99
LI-16429	Grant, Robin Loder	Reinstated on probation until 4/11/97
L2-3741	Gray, Mary	Revocation
LI-22360	Greene, Lanaya	Revocation
L2-942	Grzybowski, Suzanne	Suspension 12/29/93-12/29/94, Probation from 12/30/94-12/28/97
LI-22226	Guthrie, Samuel	Probation for 2 years beginning 10/12/94
L2-5447	Harris, David	Suspended until 6/15/01
LI-21777	Harte, Brian	Suspended until 7/10/98
L2-5041	Harvey, Patricia	Suspended until 9/17/2000
L2-4971	Hicks, Willie	Indefinite suspension beginning 4/22/93
L2-1761	Hossbach, Martha	Indefinite suspension beginning 3/10/97
L2-1537	Howell, Cheryl	Revocation
L2-6037	Hudson, Leigh Ann	Indefinite suspension beginning 7/19/00
L2-7226	Huffer, Michael	Probation for 2 years beginning 6/17/98
LI-18796	Huie, Cary Sue	Probation for 2 years beginning 1/13/99
L2-5165	Hurley, Virginia Sue	Probation (awaiting application for removal of probation)
LI-23090	Hyer, Joann	Probation for 1 year beginning 5/10/95
L2-7882	Johnson, Pamela	Probation for 1 year beginning 11/10/99
L2-4739	Kearney, Scott	Indefinite suspension as of 1/26/95 (denied reinstatement- 2/96)
LI-23899	Kepner, Barbara	Indefinite suspension as of 1/12/00
LI-25429	Klat, Susan	Revocation
LI-22822	Long, Carl	Denied Licensure

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L2-3969	Lowe, Deborah	Suspension for 6 months beginning 10/13/99
LI-12961	McCarthy, Brian	Indefinite suspension beginning 1/18/2000
LI-24939	McCarthy, Lori	Probation for 2 years beginning 1/13/99
Not Licensed	McKenzie, Deanna	Probation for 3 years beginning 11/18/98
LI-20157	Mosley, Catherine	Revocation
LI-22187	Much, Wendy	Probation for 2 years beginning 10/8/96
LI-16900	Neary, Lisa	Suspension 11/20/96-11/19/97, Probation 11/20/97-11/19/2001
L2-5142	Newton, Patricia	Indefinite suspension beginning 3/12/97
LI-21612	Nussrallah, Stephanie	Indefinite suspension beginning 9/9/98
LI-28326	O'Boyle, William	Suspension for 3 months beginning 03/15/02, at which time eligible for temporary permit for 120 days and hearing for reinstatement.
LI-22684	Osborn, Mary	Suspension for 2 years beginning 1/13/99
LI-23433	Owens, Deborah Ann	Indefinite suspension beginning 4/8/98
LI-19967	Peterson, Lisa Winter	Probation for 2 years beginning 9/19/01
L2-5061	Phillips, Jodi	Probation for 4 years beginning 5/96
Not Licensed	Pleasant, Christopher	Denial of Licensure
LI-15176	Ratushny, Randi	Indefinite suspension beginning 8/4/87
L2-4823	Rogers, David	Probation (awaiting application for removal of probation)
L2-4941	Sallie, Jacqueline	Revocation
LI-11170	Sandberg, Bonnie (formerly Yaeger)	Reinstatement not allowed without a hearing before the Board
L2-1543	Schoenberg, Roberta	Probation for 1 year beginning 9/10/97
L2-7259	Scott, James	Indefinite suspension beginning 4/14/99
L2-3847	Shenton, Sharon (formerly Nagel)	Probation for 1 year beginning 9/12/95
LI-21515	Shrom, Karen	Probation for 2 years beginning 3/21/01 & Letter of Reprimand
L2-3165	Smith, Kathy Williams	Suspended indefinitely beginning 6/17/98
L2-8095	Sowell, Willie	Probation for 1 year beginning 3/28/01
L2-4817	Stark, Kathleen	Probation for 2 years beginning 6/13/01
LI-26435	Stevenson, Geni	Probation for 2 years beginning 1/12/00
LI-15426	Stevenson, Lawrence	Revocation
L2-5720	Tuneff, Marie	Revocation
LI-20011	Turner, Joan	Indefinite suspension beginning 7/19/95
L2-5949	Walston, Helena	Revocation
L2-4035	Walton, Richard	Revocation
L2-1458	Watson, Dana	Suspension 4/94 - 4/96 with eligibility for reinstatement
L2-2416	White, Wilma	Revocation
LI-4999	Wonchoba, Charlotte	Revocation
L2-5084	Young, Lamotte	Revocation

EMPLOYERS: The following nurses have reported lost/stolen/destroyed licenses. For those who have made the request, the Board has issued license verification letters. Please be aware that lost or stolen licenses can be misused.

Augustine, Amy	LI-0025529	Cooke, Louise	LI-0019333
Bradley, Mary	LI-0023176	Hanlon, Helen	LI-0007394
Helmick, Juliana	LI-0023756	Whittle, Amy	LI-0029502
Kelley, Robin	LI-0019037	Moxley, Elisa	LI-0023322
Jeanette Mort-Troise	LI-0010413	Natalie Coker	L2-0007008
Hannah Mbu	LI-0025537		

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NAME:

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MAIDEN

LICENSE # _____ **(REQUIRED)**

OLD ADDRESS:

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APT#

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STATE

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NEW ADDRESS:

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NAME CHANGE: For name changes, please include a copy of the appropriate legal document verifying the name change.

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